

AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT[21]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 163.1, the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 65, “Animal and Livestock Importation,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments provide that pre-entry import permits will not be required for cattle or bison originating from a state with a modified accredited advanced tuberculosis (TB) zone. Additionally, whole-herd TB testing within the past year would not be required for cattle and bison less than six months of age that originate from a modified accredited advanced TB zone. The USDA has split the state of Minnesota into two zones for TB status purposes, and the proposed amendments would allow cattle and bison in the southern Minnesota zone to have the same pre-entry permit and TB testing requirements as states with TB-free status.

Any interested party may make written comments on or before August 31, 2010. Such written comments should be directed to Margaret Thomson, Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, or may be sent by fax to (515)281-6206 or by E-mail to Margaret.Thomson@IowaAgriculture.gov.

These proposed amendments are subject to the Department’s general waiver provision.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 163.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 65.2(3) as follows:

65.2(3) Pre-entry permits are required for:

- a. All Cervidae.
- b. All domestic fowl or poultry originating from an AI- or END-affected state.
- c. Captive wild-type swine.
- d. Cattle and bison originating from states or zones not classified as tuberculosis-free and brucellosis-free.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 65.4(3) as follows:

65.4(3) *Testing.*

a. *Tuberculosis test.* Testing requirements for tuberculosis are as follows:

(1) A tuberculosis test is not required for importation of cattle or bison provided that:

1. The cattle or bison are native to, and originate from, an accredited tuberculosis-free herd (accredited herd number and date of last test must be listed on the CVI), state, or zone; or

2. The cattle (beef-type) and bison are between the ages of 6 months and 18 months and are being imported for feeding purposes.

(2) A negative tuberculosis test is required within 60 days prior to importation for cattle or bison six months of age or older that are not exempted by 65.4(3)“a”(1).

(3) Cattle and bison less than 6 months of age that originate from a herd, state, or zone that is not accredited as tuberculosis-free or as modified accredited advanced must originate from a herd which has been whole-herd tested negative for tuberculosis within 12 months prior to importation.

b. No change.